

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

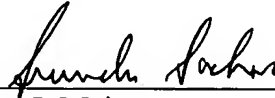
The present application is a continuation of co-pending parent U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/520,728. The present continuation application is submitted to prosecute new original Claims 1-3.

Thus, Claims 1-3 are pending in the present application, which differ from Claims 1-39 from the parent of the present application. Support for new Claims 1-3 can be found at least in Figures 5 and 6, and in the originally filed specification at page 11, line 22, to page 12, line 3. It is believed no new matter is added.

Consequently, an action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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